

"For if there be first a willing mind it is accepted according to that which a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

By this time all our readers will have acquainted themselves with the workings of the National Conference as reported in last week's issue of the paper. The conference is over, we had a very pleasant time and in our opinion did some good work. There now remains but one thing to do, and that is to carry out the decisions and resolution of the conference. Let pastors and laymen unite their efforts to accomplish this end.

GO AND DO LIKEWISE.

Sister Mary A. Snyder, Glover's Gap, W. Va., writes a letter which breathes the spirit of a truly consecrated heart. It is as follows:

Dear Brethren: I tried to get a subscriber for the EVANGELIST so I could get the "Five Books" as a premium, but all in vain as there are no Brethren here. My own subscription will soon expire and I have concluded to renew it and send the EVANGELIST to a poor, very poor, wicked man and woman who have just recently been married and moved in our midst. They are good to work and seem honest and I am going to try to help them all I can. The paper is a great help and comfort to me and it might lead them into the blessed light of the gospel. Inclosed find \$2.30 for which you will send the EVANGELIST to _____, and renew my subscription to the EVANGELIST and King's Children, also send one dozen tracts No. 1.

The Chicago letter itself is worth the price of the EVANGELIST and if we only had a Foreign Missionary and he write a letter for each paper, it would be worth ten times more. May the blessed day soon dawn. I would be willing to furnish stamps for his letters besides do all that lieth in my power besides.

MARY A. SNYDER,

Glover's Gap, W. Va.

Oh that the Brethren church had many thousands whose lives were as thoroughly consecrated to the Master and his service as is this dear sister in the Lord. Then there would be no lack of funds with which to carry on the work of the church. All our institutions and enterprises would prosper and the kingdom of God be more rapidly extended. Reader, have you done as much as this sister? Have you ever paid the paper for some one who was not able to pay? Read the above letter prayerfully, then meditate, think soberly, and ask yourself, "Can not I do as much as this poor sister? Brethren, the time has come when we must pass out of mere professionalism and ecclesiasticism and into the higher, purer, sweeter, spiritual life of God in the soul. If you would enjoy the real abiding peace of

God and experience the preciousness of his blessed promises, do some humble service in the name of the dear Christ of God, a little act of love that will bless some poor troubled heart. Try it.

ONE OF FIVE HUNDRED.

On another page Brother Cassel gives good reasons why the plan to add five hundred subscribers to the list should carry. Why should it not? An earnest effort on the part of the friends of the paper will add the five hundred in less than one month's time. Do not think that some one else will send the dollar and that you need not. Make it your business to be one of the 500, and if 499 others will do the same then the work will be accomplished. One dollar does not mean much to you, but \$500 means quite a good deal to the Publishing House. For terms and etc. see first page. Send us the name of the subscriber and one dollar and your name will be recorded as one of the 500; or send us the name of the subscriber now and the dollar between this and Dec. 1; or send us the dollar and we will see that a worthy person gets the paper; or if you wish make yourself responsible for the dollar and secure the name and money afterward. Below are the names already reported:

J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia,	\$1.00
Mary Snyder, Glover's Gap,	
W. Va.,	1.00
A friend, Ashland, Ohio,	5 00
Total,	\$7.00

CONSECRATION—CONCENTRATION.

If ever there was a time that called for entire consecration to the service of the Master, that time is now. The church and the cause of Christ have suffered long and much from a half-hearted service, a service of which good, earnest souls have grown weary and tired. There have been and are too many in the church whose hearts are in the world and whose affections are on the things of this world. Instead of giving their whole hearts to God they have, as Spurgeon puts it, reserved a corner or several of them in the heart to which they carry the key, and into which they will not allow Christ to enter, for if Christ should enter there would be a cleansing of the temple as of old and this they do not want. Consecrated hearts and lives is what the cause of Christ calls for. God will never get our means, our money and possessions

until he has our hearts. Consecration of heart and life therefore means consecration of all our possessions to be used as the Lord may direct. Along with consecration we need concentration. Mr. Moody in delivering an address to college students said that the two things now needed above all other things are consecration and concentration. Here is the secret of the church's success in conquering the world for Christ. A consecrated membership and concentrated effort will lead the host of God's redeemed children in splendid processions up the highways of spiritual prosperity and on to glorious victory and immortal achievements.

MISSIONS.

Missionary work in the Brethren church is opening up very nicely, and the prospects are bright for a very successful year along this line of church enterprise. Every congregation in the church should organize for active and efficient service in behalf of our missions. It is work that should be done in a systematic way, in fact all God's work should be done systematically. The only way to succeed in business is to do things in a business like way. The farmer, the mechanic, the manufacturer, the teacher, the lawyer, the banker, the merchant, if these can not succeed without systematic organization, why should we expect the Lord's work to be done in a hap-hazard way? It can not be done and the sooner we learn this fact the better. There is a vast amount of energy wasted for want of a proper system. Unorganized force is dangerous, it becomes destructive. This is illustrated in the cyclone which is force running wild. The forces of nature when properly organized become the servants of man. In church work there must be organization of our efforts or else our zeal and enthusiasm will be spent to no purpose. There should be stated times when missionary collections are taken: the people should know when this time comes; they should have ample time and opportunity to prepare for it; they should be intelligently informed as to their duty and the purpose for which the collection is to be taken. The preacher should be a teacher who instructs his people, who enlightens them on the subject of giving as taught in the gospel, who points out to them their duty, and then appeals to them for help. Let the people be fully informed as to the blessed work the church has undertaken and the great need of money to carry on